



The Plan Ahead

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Silver Spring Transit Center will expand the existing transit center and redevelop the property adjacent to the WMATA Metrorail Station located in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland – adjacent to Colesville Road and Wayne Avenue.

It will be a three-tier, pedestrian and bike-friendly Transit Center supporting rail traffic (Metro and MARC), bus service (WMATA, Ride-on, MTA bus, Van-Go Shuttle and inter-city), taxis and kiss & ride drop-offs.

For bus operations during construction of the Transit Center, a location for an Interim Operations Site (IOS) has been selected in the block of Ramsey, Bonifant, Wayne and Dixon, immediately adjacent to the existing Transit Station.

On November 27, 2006, it was announced at the Kick-off and Naming Ceremony that the Transit Center will be named for Paul S. Sarbanes, United States Senator for the State of Maryland.

Silver Spring Transit Center (SSTC)

Project Update No. 14

Interim Operations Site (IOS)

- ❑ The Phase II activities for the IOS improvements will take place over the next four months between March 2008 and July 2008 – prior to the start of construction of the Silver Spring Transit Center. Those activities include installation of new way-finding & traffic signs, installation of bus shelters, installation of emergency telephones, striping of bus lanes, relocation of the kiss & ride parking and removal of parking meters.
- ❑ Construction of the handrails and lighting along the MARC walkway is ongoing and will continue through April 2008. Emergency telephones will be mounted at locations along the walkway.
- ❑ The new bus stops and bus shelters will be installed on Wayne Avenue, Dixon Avenue, Bonifant Street and the jug handle (beside Discovery) prior to the transfer of bus operations in Summer 2008.
- ❑ The current project schedule provides for the transfer of the bus operations from the existing location at the Silver Spring Metro Station to the IOS, in Summer 2008, after the construction contract is awarded for the Silver Spring Transit Center.

Next Project update is scheduled for the last week in May 2008

